MONTROSE TRUSTEE COUNCIL RESOLUTION REGARDING
Funding for the Montrose Settlements Restoration Program:
Approval of Publication related to California Condors and
Montrose DDT

1. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA); the State of California acting through the State Lands Commission, the Department of Parks & Recreation and the Department of Fish & Wildlife; and the Department of the Interior, acting through the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service and the U.S. National Park Service (NPS) are the natural resource trustees (Trustees) for natural resources injured by releases of DDT and PCBs into the Southern California Bight.

2. Sums recovered in the civil action United States, et al. v. Montrose Chemical Corp., et al., No. CV 90-3122-R (C.D. Cal. 1990) are being held in the Department of the Interior Natural Resource Damage Assessment and Restoration Fund (DOI Restoration Fund) and the registry account administered by the U.S. District Court for the Central District of California.

3. The Trustees have entered into a memorandum of understanding (MOU) that establishes a Trustee Council (Montrose Trustee Council) composed of one voting member for each trustee agency. Under the terms of that MOU, the Montrose Trustee Council is authorized to disburse funds for activities related to the damage assessment and restoration process.

4. In June of 2014, the final report entitled “Examining long-range transport of Montrose DDE via marine mammals: Evaluating risks to California condors” was completed by Finkelstein et al. A proposal was then submitted by Dr. Myra Finkelstein to the Montrose Trustee Council to complete a peer-reviewed publication that builds upon research presented in the final report combined with new analyses related to Montrose DDT and the risk to California Condors. This publication will make an important contribution to the scientific literature and provide the Montrose Council with an independent peer-reviewed scientific study to support current and future management actions.

5. This resolution approves and an expenditure of $25,756 to cover the costs of completing the additional analysis and publication. The FWS will modify its existing agreement with U.C. Santa Cruz to incorporate this additional work. The FWS currently has sufficient excess funds to cover this amount without receiving an additional disbursal of funds at this time.
6. The effective date of the Resolution shall be the date on which the last trustee signs this document.
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